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BEGIN SUMMARY: TWO LEADERS OF THE PRO INDEPENDENCE UDT PARTY (UIAO DEMOCRATIC TIMORENSE) FROM PORTUGUESE TIMOR VISITED JAKARTA THIS WEEK AS GUESTS OF GOI FOR TALKS WITH INDONESIAN LEADERS. THEY ARE FRANCISCO XAVIER LOPES DA CRUZ, CHAIRMAN OF UDT AND NEWSPAPER EDITOR, AND AUGUST CESAR DA COSTA MOUSINHA, VICE CHAIRMAN OF UDT AND MAYOR OF DILI. GOI'S CORDIAL RECEPTION OF THE TWO UDT LEADERS IS DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE VIRTUES OF MERGER WITH INDONESIA AND IS SIGN OF THE LESS BELLIGERENT PUBLIC POSTURE IT SEEMS TO HAVE RECENTLY ADOPTED ON TIMOR PROBLEM. CRUZ AND MOUSINHA, WHILE STRESSING UDT'S INDEPENDENCE AIM, HAVE SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE GOI MODERATION BY PRESENTING COOPERATIVE, ANTI-COMMUNIST IMAGE. END SUMMARY

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1. DURING APRIL 11-18 VISIT TO JAKARTA CRUZ AND MOUSINHA MET WITH FONDEPT'S DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DJAJADININGRAT, MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AMIR MACHMUD, DEPTUY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT SUMISKUM AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS. THEY ARE BEING ESCORTED BY ASSISTANT OF GOVERNOR EL TARI OF INDONESAN PROVINCE OF EAST NUSATANGGARA.

2. IN FREQUENT STATEMENTS TO PRESS, CRUZ AND MOUSINHA HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PRESENT MODEATE, FRIENDLY IMAGE OF UDT, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE EMPHASIZED UDT'S DESIRE FOR INDEPENDENCE IF MAJORITY OF POPULACE DESIRES, UNDER CONTINUING PORTUGUESE "UNBRELLA." THEY HAVE ALSO STRESSED DESIRE FOR FREINDSHIP WITH INDONESIA AND UDT'S ANTI-COMMUNIST ORIENTATION. THEY PRAISED GENERAL SPINOLA AS LEADER WHO FOUGHT PORTUGUESE LEFTISTS, AND SAID THEY WOULD NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF COLLOBORATING WITH PRO MERGER APODETI PARTY IN FIGHTING COMMUNISM IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR.

3. IN COMMENTS ON GOI POLICY TOWARD TIMOR, CRUZ NOTED APPROVINGLY SUHARTO'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT INDONESIA WOULD NOT USE FIRCE IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR, SAYING THIS WAS ALREADY KNOWN, BUT THAT SUHARTO'S STATEMENT WAS REASSURING. HE ALSO SAID UDT WOULD WELCOME INDONESIAN ECONOMIC AID FOR PORTUGUESE TIMOR, ESPECIALLY IN EDUCATION, IN ADITION TO AID THAT WILL BE SOUGHT FROM PORTUGAL AND AUSTRALIA. HE SAID SITUATION IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR IS NOW "CALM." END UNCLASSIFIED BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

4. COMMENT: GOI'S INVITATION TO CRUZ AND MOUSINHA AND CORDIAL TREATMENT THEY HAVE RECEIVED ARE DESIGNED TO IMPRESS THEM WITH VIRTUES OF MERGER WITH INDONESIA AND DOWNPLAY GOI MILITARY THREAT. GOI SEEMS TO BE TAKING A MORE MODERATE PUBLIC STANCE TOWARD TIMOR QUESTION SINCE SUHARTO'S RETURN FROM TALKS WITH WHITLAM IN TOWNSVILLE, AUSTRALIA LAST MONTH(REFTEL). IN CONTRAST TO EARLIER SHRILL PROPAGANDA ABOUT IMMINENT COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN CONTROLLED PRESS AND OFFICIAL HINTS OF "PREVENTIVE" MILITARY ACTION, GOI SPOKESMAN NOW STRESSING IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS LINE TAKEN BY SUHARTO AFTER TOWNSVILLE TALKS
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THAT INDONESIA DOES NOT INTEND TO ATTACK PORTUGUESE TIMOR AND HAS NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS THERE. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR MILITARY ACTION HAVE NOT BEEN ENTIRELY SHELVED. NEWSOM

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